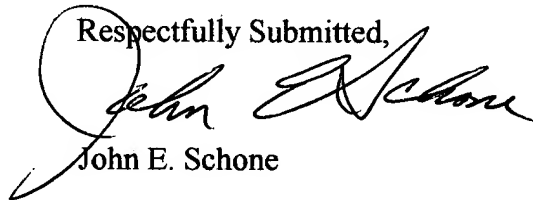


Claims 12-23 were rejected pursuant to 35 USC 112 on the basis that the specification does not mention or clarify "roughened prongs". On page 6 of the specification, however, roughened prongs are in fact identified and described with the language "...that the outer surfaces of prongs 16 should be slightly roughened in order to better carry the seasonings and flavorings into the body of the food." Nevertheless, and pursuant to paragraphs 7 and 8 of the Office Action Summary, applicant has amended claim 12, and necessarily claims 13-23 as well, to delete the word "roughened" from the claim.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in the application are believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. The examiner is respectfully requested to pass the application to issue.

Respectfully Submitted,

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